



Parma Woods

Shooting Range and
Outdoor Education Center

Winter 2006

Some changes for 2006

New Range Officer

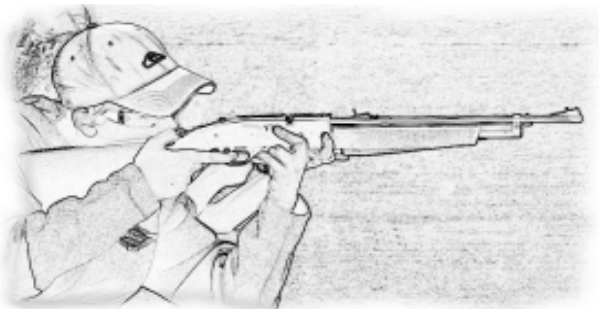
Parma Woods visitors may notice a few changes in 2006. Probably the most notable is our new Range Officer, Nathan Woodland. A native of the Kansas City Region, Nathan has more than 20 years experience handling firearms. He has a lifetime of involvement in many outdoor activities including several years of public range experience. His passion for the outdoors has led him into a career in conservation. Nathan completed his degree in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation from Northwest Missouri State University. His background and knowledge of natural resources will be valuable assets when instructing a variety of courses targeted towards our "non-consumptive" audiences. Watch for some new class offerings in 2006.

Volunteer Training & Development

Something else to watch for in 2006 will be the training and development of a new volunteer staff at Parma Woods. During the year we will be recruiting and training volunteers to help us spread the enjoyment of the outdoors and the shooting sports. For more information or to see how you can help, contact the range at 816-891-9941.

Shotgun Station / Hiking Trail

Also coming to Parma Woods during the year will be a new and separate station for patterning shotguns. We also plan to make some improvements to our hiking trail. These are just a few of the ways we are growing to meet the needs of our patrons. Come join us and experience fun for the whole family in 2006.



RANGE HOURS: January 1 - April 30

Friday-Tuesday: noon-4:30pm

Winter Events Calendar

All classes are free unless otherwise noted. All equipment is provided free by the Missouri Department of Conservation. You must pre-register by calling 816-891-9941.

JANUARY

Birdhouse Building

Build a birdhouse that you can take home and hang in your backyard.

January 4 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Birdfeeder Building

Build your own feeder to take home.

January 5 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

Basic Firearms - Part I

Learn to properly handle, clean, and store all types of firearms.

January 6 (Fri.), 6-8 pm

Basic Firearms - Part II

Learn to shoot proficiently all types of firearms. **Must have taken Part I.**

January 7 (Sat.), 9-11 am

Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn to make a meal in a Dutch oven as well as proper care of an oven.

January 11 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Youth .22 Rifle Class

This class introduces youths to firearms safety and builds marksmanship skills.

January 14 (Sat.), 9-11 am

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Duck Decoy Building

Learn to cast and paint your own duck decoys. This is a 2-night class.

January 18/19 (Weds/Thurs.), 6-8 pm

Ladies Firearms - Part I

Learn to properly handle, clean, and store all types of firearms. For ladies only.

January 20 (Fri.), 6-8 pm

Ladies Firearms - Part II

Learn to shoot proficiently all types of firearms. **Must have taken Part I (ladies only).**

January 21 (Sat.), 9-11 am

Firearms Care and Cleaning

Learn how to properly clean and store all of your firearms.

January 24 (Tues.), 6-8 pm

Cooking Venison

Learn to make deer roast and other delightful tasting recipes. Come hungry!

January 25 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Knife Sharpening

Learn to put and keep a good edge on all of your knives.

January 26 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

Predator Hunting Seminar

Learn techniques and equipment needed to hunt predators.

January 28 (Sat.), 9 am-noon

N.R.A. Pistol Class

Become N.R.A. certified in pistol. Does not meet CCW requirements.

January 28 (Sat.), 9 am

Reloading

Learn how to properly reload your ammo and how cost effective it is to do so. This is a 2-night class.

January 30/31 (Mon./Tues.), 6-8 pm

FEBRUARY

Modern Arrow Building

Learn to build your own custom arrows and the equipment needed to do so.

February 1 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Youth Rabbit Clinic

This clinic is designed to teach youths how to effectively and safely hunt rabbits.

February 2 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

Optics Class

Learn about scopes, binoculars, and spotting scopes.

February 7 (Tue.), 6-8 pm

Rabbit Trap Building

Learn to build a live trap for catching rabbits.

February 8 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Wood Duck Box Building

Learn to build wood duck nesting boxes.

February 9 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

Basic Archery

Learn the fundamentals of archery.

February 11 (Sat.), 9 am-noon

Basic Shotgun

Learn to bag more birds whether in the field or on the range.

February 11 (Sat.), 9 am-noon

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Care for Taxidermy Mounts

Learn to properly care for your trophy and make it last a lifetime.

February 14 (Tues.), 6-8 pm

Archery Equipment Maintenance

Learn to properly care for all of your archery equipment.

February 15 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Muzzle Loaders - Part I

Learn what equipment and products you need to get started in muzzle loaders.

February 1 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

Muzzle Loaders - Part II

Must take Part I. Live fire muzzle loaders on the range.

February 18 (Sat.), 9-11 am

RANGE CLOSED - FEBRUARY 20

Managing Your Land for More Quail and Rabbits

Learn management techniques to increase populations of these small game animals.

February 22 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Outdoor Cooking

Learn how fun it is to cook an entire meal for your family outside and what equipment to use.

February 23 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

How to Use a G.P.S. Unit

Learn features of G.P.S. units and how they operate.

February 25 (Sat.), 9 am-noon

Hiking at Parma Woods

Take a guided hike on the Parma Woods nature trail.

February 25 (Sat.), noon-2 pm

N.R.A. Rifle Course

Become N.R.A. certified at the completion of this 2-part course.

February 25/26 (Sat./Sun.), 9 am

MARCH

Birdhouse Building

Build a birdhouse that you can take home and hang in your backyard.

March 1 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Reloading - Part I (March 7/14/21)

Learn what equipment is needed, safe reloading techniques, and how cost effective it is to reload.

March 7 (Tues.), 6-8 pm

Birdfeeder Building

Learn to build your own feeder and take it home with you when completed.

March 8 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Knife Sharpening

Learn how to put and keep an edge on all of your knives.

March 9 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

Basic .22 Rifle

Want to get into rifle shooting, but don't know where to start? Or you don't like recoil? Learn marksmanship, gun safety, and care for firearms.

March 11 (Sat.), 9-11 am

Campfire Building

Learn to start your campfires quickly and easily. Come hungry as we will roast hotdogs and marshmallows.

March 11 (Sat.), 6 pm

Reloading - Part II (March 7/14/21)

Learn what equipment is needed, safe reloading techniques, and how cost effective it is to reload.

March 14 (Tues.), 6-8 pm

Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn to make a meal in a Dutch oven as well as proper care of an oven.

March 15 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Basic Firearms - Part I

Learn how to safely handle various types of firearms and how they work.

March 16 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

Basic Firearms - Part II

Must have taken Part I. Part II will cover marksmanship with live fire on the range.

March 18 (Sat.), 9-11 am

Food Plots

Learn what types of food plots should be planted and equipment needed.

March 18 (Sat.), 9-11 am

Reloading - Part III (March 7/14/21)

Learn what equipment is needed, safe reloading techniques, and how cost effective it is to reload.

March 21 (Tues.), 6-8 pm

Deep Fry Cooking

Learn to fry up turkey, fish, and other tasty meals.

March 22 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Shotgun Patterning

Learn the best chokes and loads for your shotgun.

March 23 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

N.R.A. Pistol Class

Become N.R.A. certified in pistol. Does not meet CCW requirements.

March (Sat.), 9 am

Basic Archery

Learn the fundamentals of archery. This is a fun family activity for all ages.

March 25 (Sat.), 9 am-noon

Hunter Education Class

You must attend all three nights to become certified.

January 28/29/30 (Tues./Wed./Thurs.), 5:30-9 pm all three nights

CALLING ALL PARENTS

I remember getting off the bus after the last day of school for the year with my brother, cousins, and me running around yelling as happy as if we'd won the lottery. My mother would look at us and say, "it's going to be a long summer". I never could understand that statement. To me summer seemed to pass by much too quickly. Now that I have three daughters of my own, I understand what she was talking about.

Many times it seems hard to find something to do that everyone in the family enjoys and is a fun, memorable experience. Thank goodness for the outdoors. Nothing will get the kids out of bed and scurrying around the house faster than if we have a day planned at the range or a trip to go hiking, fishing, or hunting. Kids like to be outside no matter what the weather conditions. I'm sure that if you think back you can hear your mother yelling at you to "put on a jacket" or "cover your head before you catch a cold". For some reason, that ability to adapt to the weather leaves most of us when we become adults. But youngsters pay no heed to Mother Nature when they are doing something they enjoy.

When your kids are out of school on their winter break or weekends and complain "we're bored" or "there's nothing to do", bring them out to Parma Woods to hike the nature trail. Take a look in the newsletter or on the web site (www.mdc.missouri.gov/areas/ranges/parma/) at some of the classes offered. This might be just the opportunity to learn about an outdoor skill that you and your children will enjoy for a lifetime. Get your kids out to the range for a day of air rifle or .22 shooting and take home the targets to keep and compare to over the next several years to see how their marksmanship has improved. We also have an archery range that will accommodate youth bows as well as hunting type bows. I'm sure that a day spent in the outdoors with your kids this winter will be rewarding to all of you.

Eric Edwards

A winter hike at Parma Woods



Get away and spend a day in the woods

Check out the latest Parma Woods news at: www.mdc.missouri.gov/areas/ranges/parma/

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